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Under the Dome

It's Going to Be a Marathon....

The House released its budget targets this week. While the department had anticipated its budget would be released in mid-February (it is part of the 1.2 billion dollar Health and Human Services budget), the decision has been made to delay the HHS appropriations bill until March 24th (along with Education and Justice). Most other appropriations bills will be released by the House on February 17th. The Senate has not yet released its budget targets, indicating it does not concur with the House budget. It is probable the Senate will pass its own version of a HHS budget bill and late in the session (probably after the Revenue Estimating Conference) there will be final negotiations to reach agreement by both the House and Senate on the FY 07 appropriations for HHS.

So What Does This Mean for the Case Management Program for Frail Elders (CMPFE)?

As stated in our last issue, it is important to continue to stay in contact on a regular basis with committee chairs as well as House



leadership (we are including their contact information with each legislative update), as well as your local Representative. Because the Health and Human Services Appropriations bill will be coming out of the House relatively late in the session, the ability to make changes in the Senate may become more difficult.

Later in this issue, we have provided a great deal of information on the CMPFE program in past issues (you may access these at www.state.ia.us/elderaffairs/publications/index.html#LegUp). In this issue, we are providing a few vignettes of the individuals served in the CMPFE program. The Governor has made a decision to support older Iowans by including in his budget three million dollars to support the CMPFE program, and to maximize the use of additional federal match of six million dollars to solidify the infrastructure of Iowa's Aging Network. As we have said before, **Iowa's General Assembly has a decision to make.** *Will legislators support frail and vulnerable seniors and the coordination and access to services that keep older Iowans in their own homes and communities?*

What Does this all Mean for Winning Compliance?

The Governor's budget also provides an appropriation to address the department's concern that additional consumer education is needed in the areas of assisted living, adult day services and elder group homes. The department has requested this appropriation of \$62,500 to develop brochures and web based information on areas such as tenant-landlord law, Iowa Code and Iowa Administrative Code minimum program standards, the role of the tenant advocate, and ways that these long-term care products may be a fit for individual long-term care needs. Like CMPFE, legislators need to know how Iowan's feel about this issue and we urge you to contact legislators with your thoughts.

What About the Governor's Budget?

It is important to note that Governor Vilsack did propose in his FY 07 budget a tobacco tax increase of 80 cents per pack. The House budget does not include this proposal. The Speaker of the House (Rep. Rants) is opposed to raising the cigarette tax, arguing that the tax is a revenue source that will likely decline in the future and shouldn't be relied upon as a funding source. Speaker Rants also believe the proposed tax will cause Iowan's to purchase tobacco in bordering states (who may have lower rates). Because the department has not yet seen the

specifics of the House budget, the impact on funding for programs that are targeted to frail and vulnerable seniors remains unknown at this time. The Governor also included funding for salary increases in his budget, which the House budget does not. This would mean executive branch departments would need to make difficult decisions regarding existing programs and their ability to absorb the impact of not funding salary increases.

Other Issues Impacting Older Iowans

The number of sub-committees are picking up as the first funnel date of March 3rd approaches. The department is monitoring numerous bills, and later in the issue we provide a complete listing. Below are bills that had sub-committees this week.

- [Senate File 2048](#) passed out of sub-committee to the Senate Human Resources Standing Committee. This bill would increase the Medicaid Personal Needs Allowance from \$30.00 to \$50.00. The fiscal impact is approximately \$1.3 million dollars. The companion bill in the House is [House File 2060](#).
- [Senate Study Bill 3038](#), Consumer Choice, Support and Education Program did not make it to sub-committee.
- [House Study Bill 584](#) related to the medical assistance program, including eligibility requirements for certain adults and a process

Upcoming Events:

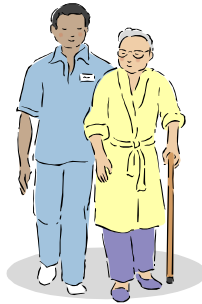
Here's a listing of upcoming events. Please email erin.haafke@iowa.gov if you have an event to add.

February 22nd
Hawkeye Valley Area Agency on Aging Legislative Advocacy Day at the Capitol

March 8th
Heritage Area Agency on Aging Legislative Advocacy Day at the Capitol

for provider recovery did not make it out of sub-committee. It is possible a second sub-committee may be scheduled.

- [House File 2148](#) related to the Medial Assistance and Community Based Services Waiver did not make it out of sub-committee. A second sub-committee may be scheduled.



What's Going On With the Social Security and Pension Income Phase Out?

[House File 2045](#) will be considered by the Senate Ways and Means Committee. A fiscal note has not been completed that accurately reflects the amendments made to the bill in the House.

What About the Senior Living Trust?

[House File 2002](#) is also being considered by the Senate.

Case Management Vignettes

George is 75 years old from southwest Iowa who has lived at home with the help of his daughters and the Case Management Program for the Frail Elderly (CMPFE) since 2003. His wife passed away shortly before he got on the Case Management Program. He began to have many health problems and was in and out of the hospital with strokes and heart attacks as well as battling depression from losing his wife. He was not for sure how he was going to make it without her. Thankfully, his daughters and the CMPFE program provided assistance at the right time. Through the CMPFE program he qualified for the Elderly Waiver Program.

George had been losing weight and falling a lot due to weakness. Through CMPFE a Personal Emergency Response System (PERS) was set up for him so if he fell again, he could push the button and his daughter could come quickly or if needed, an ambulance was there right away. George started receiving liquid supplements, hot, and frozen meals right away. He needed a tub transfer bench so he could get in and out of the shower with only a standby assist. A consumer directed attendant care (CDAC) provider takes him to all his doctor appointments, gets his groceries for him, sets up his medications, prepares meals when he is unable,

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does his laundry, and is there when he is bathing. Currently, in 2006 he is maintaining his weight and is able to live at home independently.

Ken, age 79, and **Claudine**, age 69, are both receiving CMPFE services. Claudine suffers from kidney disease and receives dialysis treatments 3 times per week. The dialysis treatments will be needed for the rest of her life. Ken has leukemia and is not a candidate for treatment. His doctor states that

Ken's life expectancy is less than a year. Ken requires weekly injections to boost his red blood cell production. Due to their medical conditions neither Ken nor Claudine are able to do very many household duties. They are receiving Mom's Meals, homemaker services and they have a dual lifeline unit. Ken receives nursing under Medicare to give his weekly injections. The services they receive allow them to remain in their house while they battle their illnesses.

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In the Legislature

The following is a listing of the bills the department is monitoring. If you would like more information on a particular bill, click on its number and you will be directed to the Iowa General Assembly's online bill book.

New this week:

These are bills that are new to the update this week, for which we have included a brief description.

House Files

[HF 2223](#) Legislative Review of Administrative Rules A bill for an act relating to the legislative review of administrative rules, and rescinding all rules every five years. *By: Upmeyer* (House State Government) Committee members: Roberts, Bukta, Lensing, Paulsen, and Tomenga.

[HF 2225](#) Involuntary Commitment Hearing A bill for an act relating to an involuntary commitment hearing for a chronic substance abuser. *By: McCarthy* (House Judiciary) Committee members: Anderson, Foege, and J.R. Van Fossen.

[HF 2238](#) Federal Block Grants A bill for an act appropriating federal funds made available from federal block grants and other federal grants, allocating portions of federal block grants, and providing procedures if federal funds are more or less than anticipated or if federal

block grants are more or less than anticipated. *By: Committee on Appropriations* (House Appropriations) (Formerly [HSB 563](#)) **Passed House to Senate**

[HF 2260](#) Public Motor Vehicle Identification A bill for an act relating to identification of publicly owned motor vehicles used by persons who provide off-site or in-home medical or mental health services. *By: Jacobs* (House Transportation) Committee members: Lukan, Mertz, and S. Olson

[HF 2270](#) Domestic Violence Brochure A bill for an act making an appropriation to the department of justice for the development of a domestic violence brochure regarding the effects of domestic violence. *By: Ford* (House Appropriations)

[HF 2277](#) Human Corpse Abuse A bill for an act relating to abuse of a human corpse, and providing penalties. *By: Schueller et al.* (House Judiciary) Committee members: J.R. Van Fossen, Carroll, and Smith

[HF 2319](#) Personal Needs Allowance A bill for an act relating to the personal needs allowance amount for residents of nursing facilities under the medical assistance program. *By: Committee on Human Resources* **Successor to [HF 2057](#) Placed on Calendar, Floor Manager: Granzow**

[HF 2321](#) **Nutrition and Exercise Grant Program** A bill for an act providing for the establishment of a nutrition and physical activity community obesity prevention grant program, and providing a contingent effective date. *By: Committee on Human Resources Successor to [HSB 583](#)* **Placed on Calendar, fiscal note, Floor Manager: Upmeyer**

Senate Files

[SF 2144](#) **County MH/MR/DD** A bill for an act addressing county-related mental health, mental retardation, and developmental disabilities services provided in a state mental health institute or a hospital. *By: Warnstadt* (Senate Human Resources) Committee members: Dotzler, Seymour, Johnson, and Wood

[SF 2159](#) A bill for an act relating to identification of publicly owned motor vehicles used by persons who provide off-site or in-home medical or mental health services. *By: Ward* (Senate Transportation) Committee members: Ward, Warnstadt, Beall, and Kettering

[SF 2170](#) **Senior Home Retrofit** A bill for an act creating a senior home retrofit program. *By: Hatch* (Senate Economic Growth)

[SSB 3081](#) **Public Health Bill** An Act relating to the programs and functions under the purview of the Iowa Department of Public Health. *By: Proposed by IDPH* (Senate Human Resources) Committee members: Gaskill & Wood (C), Tinsman, Dotzler

[SSB 3082](#) **MI/MR/DD/BI Support** An Act relating to persons with mental illness, mental retardation, developmental disabilities, or brain injury by addressing purposes and quality standards for services and other support available for such persons, establishing basic financial eligibility standards, addressing state and county financial responsibility for the cost of the services and other support, and providing an applicability date. *By: Proposed IDHS Bill* (Senate Human Resources) Committee members: Johnson & Hatch (C), Gaskill, Bolkcom

[SSB 3083](#) **Nursing Education Record Checks** An Act authorizing an approved nursing education program to initiate criminal and child and dependent adult abuse record checks of students and prospective students regarding the students' involvement with the clinical education component of the program. *By: Proposed by IDPH/Board of Nursing* (Senate Human Resources) Committee members: Houser & Wood, Johnson, Ragan

From Previous Issues of the Update:

These are bills the department continues to monitor. In an effort to decrease the size of the update, we have removed the brief description from this listing.

House Files

[HF 116](#) **Senior Deer Hunters** *By: Struyk, Mertz, Dandekar, Lukan*

(House Natural Resources Committee) Committee members: Van Engelenhoven (C), Whitead, Wilderdyke

[HF 833](#) **Pharmacy Bill** *By: Ways and Means* (Senate Ways and Means) Committee members: Danielson and Larson (C), McCoy, and Zaun

[HF 851](#) **Death Certificates** *By: Ways and Means* (Ways & Means) Committee members: Tomenga (C), Boal, Davitt (*Successor to* [HF 455](#))

[HF 852](#) **Inheritance Tax Credit** *By: Ways and Means* (Ways and Means) Committee members: Soderberg (C), Lalk, Schueller (*Formerly* [HF 795](#)) (*Formerly* [HF 297](#))

[HF 2002](#) **Senior Living Trust Fund** *By: Raecker and Kuhn* (House Appropriations) Committee members: Heaton, Kuhn, and Raecker

[HF 2010](#) **Substitute Decision Makers** *By: Smith* (Human Resources)

[HF 2018](#) **Personal Needs Allowance** *By: Gaskill and Swaim* (Human Resources)

[HF 2021](#) **MR Case Payments** *By: Heddens* (House Human Resources) Committee members: Carroll, Freeman, Heddens

[HF 2022](#) **Cigarette Taxes** *By: Tomenga and Olson R.* (Ways and Means)

[HF 2026](#) **Non-Profit Tax Exemption** *By: Paulsen* (Ways and Means) Committee members: Paulson, Kaufmann, Huser

[HF 2028](#) **Veteran Status** *By: D Olson* (Veteran Affairs) Committee members: May (C), Tymeson, Wendt

[HF 2039](#) **Elder Fishers** *By: Bell and Huser* (Natural Resources) Committee members: Lukan, Bell, and May (*Now* [HF 2171](#))

[HF 2040](#) **Medicaid Inflation Factor** *By: Swaim and Gaskill* (Human Resources)

[HF 2045](#) **SS-Pension Income Phase Out** *By: Ways and Means* (Ways and Means) (*Successor to* [HSB 502](#)) **Passed House to Senate**

[HF 2049](#) **Senior Property Tax Freeze** *By: Butka* (Ways and Means)

[HF 2055](#) **Long Term Care Deduction** *By: Frevert* (Human Resources)

[HF 2057](#) **Personal Needs Allowance** *By: Kaufmann et al.* (Human Resources) Committee members: Granzow (C), Tomenga, Wendt *Successor Bill is* [HF 2319](#) **Inactive**

[HF 2060](#) **Personal Needs Allowance** *By: Huser et al.* (Human Resources) (*Companion to* *LSB 5740SS*)

[HF 2062](#) **Medicaid Inflation Factor** *By: Huser et al.* (Human Resources)

[HF 2063](#) **Fundraising** *By: Ford* (State Government) Committee members: Hutter, Boal, and Ford

[HF 2064](#) **Long Term Care** By: *Huser & Peters* (Commerce, Regulations & Labor) (*Companion to LSB 574ISS*)

[HF 2066](#) **Involuntary Commitments** By: *Petersen* (Judiciary) Committee members: Tymeson (C), Foege, Hutter

[HF 2068](#) **Senior Living Trust Fund** By: *Huser et al.* (Human Resources)

[HF 2071](#) **Burial Sites** By: *Swaim* (Local Government)

[HF 2081](#) **Military Property Tax Credit** By: *Dix et al.* (House Veterans Affairs) Committee members: Paulsen (C), Hutter, and Whitead (*Companion to SF 2008*) **Passed out of Sub Committee**

[HF 2087](#) **Electronic Prescriptions** By: *Heaton* (House Human Resources) Committee members: Tomenga (C), Jacoby, and Wilderdyke

[HF 2088](#) **Income Exemption** By: *Kurtenbach et al.* (House Veterans Affairs) Committee members: Kaufmann, Paulsen, and D. Taylor **Passed out of Sub Committee**

[HF 2089](#) **Mobile Treatment Team** By: *Heaton* (House Human Resources) Committee members: Heaton (C), Roberts, and Smith

[HF 2106](#) **MHMRDD Services** By: *Carroll* (House Human Resources) *Successor is HF 2330* **Inactive**

[HF 2111](#) **Dependant Adult Abuse Investigation** By: *Bell* (House

Judiciary) Committee members: Tymeson, Carroll, Winckler

[HF 2113](#) **Long Term Care Standards** By: *Swaim & Gaskill* (House Commerce, Regulation, and Labor)

[HF 2115](#) **Suicide Prevention** By: *Lensing* (House Human Resources) (*Companion to SF 2034*)

[HF 2126](#) **Health Insurance Policies** By: *Foege* (House Commerce, Regulation, and Labor)

[HF 2128](#) **Public Record Information** By: *Gaskill et al.* (House State Government)

[HF 2130](#) **State Records Destruction** By: *Hutter* (House State Government)

[HF 2139](#) **Legislative Council Rule Review** By: *Struyk, Huser, & Dandekar* (House State Government)

[HF 2145](#) **Food Establishment Reinspection Fees** By: *Upmeyer* (House Human Resources)

[HF 2146](#) **Preadmission Screening** By: *Upmeyer* (House Human Resources) Committee members: Upmeyer, Carroll, Foege

[HF 2147](#) **Temporary Conservators** By: *Huser, Swaim, Gaskill and Petersen* (House Judiciary) Committee members: Heaton, Anderson, Foege

[HF 2148](#) **Directed Attendant Skills** By: *Upmeyer* (House Human

Resources) Committee members:
Kurtenbach, Granzow, Peterson

[HF 2149](#) **Expert Medical Witness**
By: Upmeyer (House Judiciary)
Committee members: Paulsen (C),
Jochum, Tymeson

[HF 2159](#) **State Budget Calendar** *By:*
Heaton (House Government
Oversight)

[HF 2162](#) **Rule Making Authority**
Credit *By: Upmeyer et al.* (House
State Government)

[HF 2166](#) **Dependent Adult Abuse**
By: Pettengill et al. (House Judiciary)
Committee members: Tymeson,
Winckler, Carroll

[HF 2168](#) **Involuntary Commitments**
By: Jacobs (House Judiciary)
Committee members: J.R. Van
Fossen, Foege, and Heaton

[HF 2171](#) **Elder Fishers** *By:*
Committee on Natural Resources
(Successor to [HF 2039](#)) **Placed on**
Calendar, Floor Manager: Lukan

[HF 2185](#) **Food Inspections** *By:*
Upmeyer (House Human Resources)
Committee members: Upmeyer,
Carroll, Jacoby

[HF 2186](#) **Health Related**
Appropriations *By: Wendt* (House
Appropriations) (Companion to [SF](#)
[2119](#))

[HF 2193](#) **Hate Crimes** *By: Mascher*
(House Judiciary) Committee
members: Tymeson, Lensing, Paulsen

[HF 2195](#) **County Mental Health**
Services *By: Wendt* (House Human

Resources)

[HF 2198](#) **Explaining Medicaid**
Benefits *By: Berry & Kressig*
(House Human Resources)

[HF 2210](#) **Domestic Abuse**
Recommendation *By: Mascher*
(House Judiciary) Committee
members: Tymeson (C), Carroll,
and Lensing

[HF 2211](#) **Medicaid Estate**
Recovery *By: Cohoon*

[HF 2215](#) **Rule Regulatory**
Analysis *By: Eichhorn* (House
State Government) Committee
members: Roberts, Bukta, Lensing,
Paulsen, Tomenga

[HF 2219](#) **Cemetery Access** *By:*
Kaufmann and Lalk (House Local
Government) Committee members:
Rasmussen, Arnold, and Huser

[HSB 559](#) **Dependant Adult Abuse**
By: DHS Committee members:
Wilderduke, Berry, Hutter, Smith,
Upmeyer

[HSB 573](#) **Veterans Cemetary** *By:*
Dept. of Veterans Affairs
Committee members: Hutter, Quirk,
Watts

[HSB 574](#) **Veterans Health Care**
Facility *By: Dept. of Veterans*
Affairs **Passed out of Committee**
to 2nd Committee

[HSB 583](#) **Nutrition and Exercise**
Grant Program *By: DPH*
Successor is [HF 2321](#) **Inactive**

[HSB 584](#) **Medicaid Issues** *By:*

DHS Committee members: Carroll, Heaton, Petersen, Upmeyer, Wendt
Senate Files

[SF 341](#) **Long-term Living System**
By: Human Resources (Formerly [SSB 1272](#))

[SF 355](#) **Medicare Part D Task Force**
By: Human Resources (Formerly [SSB 1204](#))

[SF 416](#) **Cigarette Tax and Property Tax**
By: Ways and Means (House Ways and Means) Committee members: Van Fossen (C), Kurtenbach, Shomshor (Formerly [SSB 1322](#))

[SF 2008](#) **Cemetery Access**
By: Kreiman (Local Government) Committee members: Kreiman & Mulder (C), Stewart, and Zaun

[SF 2031](#) **Grandparent Visitation**
By: Ragan et al. (Human Resources) Committee members: Ragan & Seymour (C), Kreiman, and Tinsman

[SF 2034](#) **Suicide Prevention Office**
By: Ragan & Bolkcom (Appropriations) Committee members: Angelo and Dvorsky

[SF 2036](#) **Veterans Programs Appropriations**
*By: Appropriations (Senate Appropriations) ([HF 2080](#) substituted) **withdrawn***

[SF 2037](#) **Military Pension Exemption**
By: Miller (Ways & Means) Committee members: Danielson & Zaun (C), Dotzler, Zieman

[SF 2038](#) **Disabled Veterans Homestead**
By: Lamberti (Ways &

Means) Committee members: Dotzler & McKibben (C), Danielson, Zaun
[SF 2040](#) **Long-term Care Credit**
By: Miller (Ways & Means) Committee members: Connolly & Wieck (C), Stewart, Zaun

[SF 2044](#) **Pension Income Phase Out**
By: Tinsman et al. (Ways & Means) Committee members: Connolly & McKibben (C), Bolkcom, Zieman (Companion to [HF 2045](#))

[SF 2048](#) **Personal Needs Allowance**
By: Bolkcom et al. (Human Resources) Committee members: Bolkcom & Johnson (C), Ragan, and Seymour

[SF 2051](#) **Medicaid Transformation**
By: Committee on Appropriations (Senate Appropriations) (Formerly [SSB 3016](#))

[SF 2058](#) **Long Term Care Insurance**
By: Bolkcom et al. (Senate Commerce) Committee members: Bolkcom, Wieck, McKinkey, Rielly

[SF 2059](#) **Health Care Whistle Blower**
By: Bolkcom et al. (Human Resources) Committee members: Boettger & Quirnbach (C), Bolkcom, and Houser

[SF 2062](#) **Senior Living Trust Appropriations**
By: Bolkcom et al. (Senate Appropriations) Committee members: Angelo & Dvorsky

[SF 2067](#) **Minimum Wage**
By: Dotzler et al. (Senate Business and Labor Relations) Committee members: Behn & Dotzler (C), Courtney, and Seymour

[SF 2068](#) Medicaid Reimbursement

By: Bolkcom et al. (Senate Human Resources) Committee members: Quirmbach & Seymour (C), Bolkcom, and Houser (*Companion to LSB 5742HH*)

[SF 2070](#) LIHEAP Supplemental

By: Hatch et al. (Senate Appropriations) Committee members: Angelo and Dvorsky

[SF 2073](#) Temporary Conservator

By: Bolkcom (Senate Human Resources) Committee members: Behn & Quimbach (C), Boettger, and Wood

[SF 2074](#) Medicaid and Medicare

Services Waiver *By: Miller* (Senate Human Resources) Committee members: Kreiman & Seymour (C), Gaskill, and Quirmbach

[SF 2081](#) Veterans Cemetary

By: Stewert (Senate Appropriations) Committee members: Angelo & Stewart, Kettering, Warnstadt

[SF 2082](#) Veterans Home

By: Ragan (Senate Appropriations) Committee members: Angelo & Dvorsky

[SF 2099](#) Workforce Training

Vouchers *By: Hatch* (Senate Business and Labor Relations) Committee members: McKibben & Seng (C), Behn, and Horn

[SF 2113](#) Property Tax Reform

By: Angelo et al. (Senate Ways and Means) Committee members: Connolly & Miller, Quirmbach, Zieman

[SF 2119](#) Health Related

Appropriations *By: Warnstadt* (Senate Appropriations) Committee

members: Angelo & Dvorsky

[SF 2124](#) Nutrition and Grant

Exercise Grant Program *By: Committee on Human Resources* (Senate Human Resources) (*Successor to [SSB 3012](#)*) **Placed on Calendar, Fiscal Note**

[SSB 3010](#) Medical Assistance

Program *By: DHS* (Human Resources) Committee members: Seymour & Hatch (C), Behn, Woods

[SSB 3014](#) Dependant Adults

By: DHS (Human Resources) Committee members: Kreiman & Houser (C), Bolkcom, Tinsman

[SSB 3019](#) Identity Theft

By: Attorney General (Senate Judiciary) Committee members: Ward, Quirmbach, Boettger, Kreiman

[SSB 3035](#) DHS Tachnical Bill

By: DHS (Senate Human Resources) Committee members: Johnson & Hatch, Dotzler, Houser

[SSB 3038](#) Consumer Choice

By: Governor Bill (Senate Human Resources) Committee members: Bolkcom & Boettger, Quirmbach, Seymour

[SSB 3041](#) Governor Senior Living

Trust *By: Governor's Budget Bill* (Senate Appropriations) Committee members: Angelo & Dvorsky

[SSB 3072](#) Nursing Facilities

Reserve Beds *By: Committee on Human Resources* (Senate Human Resources) Committee members: Ragan & Seymour (C), Boettger, Hatch

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Our Mission:

To provide advocacy,
educational, and
prevention services to
older Iowans so they
can find Iowa a
healthy, safe,
productive, and
enjoyable place to
live and work.

The Great Iowa Centenarian Search

You don't expect to live to be 100? Neither did most centenarians, but they have reached a remarkable milestone--they have turned 100 years of age.

Do you know anyone who has reached this milestone? Individuals aged 100 years of age or older, or who will be 100 years of age by the end of May, 2006, are asked to contact the Iowa Department of Elder Affairs, 515/725-3333 or 1-800/532-3213 to be included in the Iowa Centenarian Registry. This registry, which is in the process of being updated, currently reports 551 Iowans aged 100 years and older. Of these, there are 99 aged 105 and older. Ninety percent of Iowa's centenarians are female and usually reside in facilities.

If you know of someone who is just reaching his or her 100th birthday, or a person 100 years of age or greater who has not previously been registered, please notify us. They will be invited to be our guest at the 2006 Governor's Conference on Aging Awards Luncheon on May 22 in West Des Moines. Governor Tom Vilsack has been invited to present certificates to those Centenarians in attendance. Centenarians unable to attend will also receive a certificate signed by the Governor.

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